Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV)

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Affordability Through Innovation

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Overview

- **→** Program Background
- Acquisition Strategy Change
- Summary



EELV Mission Statement

• Mission:

 Partner with Industry to develop a national launch capability that satisfies the Government's national mission model requirements and reduces the cost of space launch by at least 25%

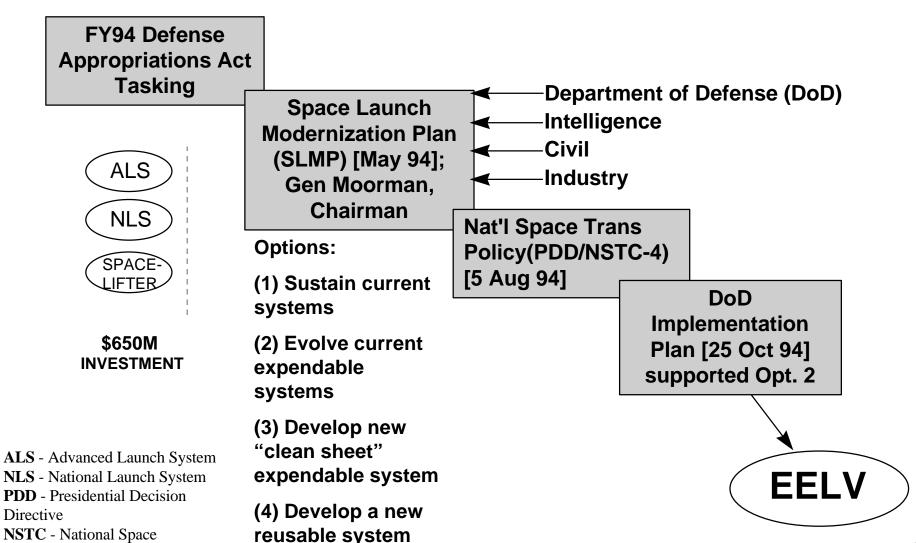
Objectives:

- Increase the U.S. space launch industry's competitiveness in the international space launch market
- Implement acquisition reform initiatives resulting in reduced government resources necessary to manage system development and acquire launch services



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Background



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EELV Contractors' System Concepts









Drivers to EELV Program

• Key Performance Parameters:

- Launch National Mission Model
- Design Reliability
- Standardized Launch Pads
- Standard Vehicle Interface

Cost

- Probably first time a space program has cost as THE driver
- Direct Impact to Warfighter



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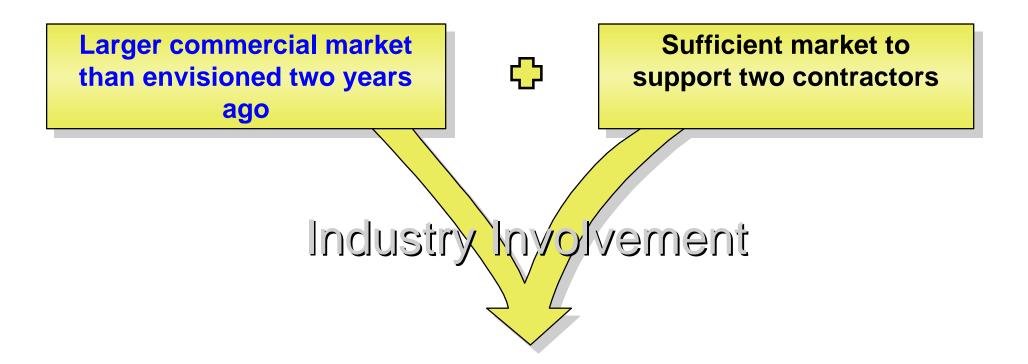


Acquisition Strategy

- Original acquisition strategy formulated in early 1995
 - Strategy called for downselecting to one contractor
 - Contractor provides a family of launch vehicles to support Government requirements
 - Contractor in a position to capture a larger share of the international commercial launch market
- Other features of original strategy:
 - Cost-type contract for Engineering & Manufacturing Development (EMD) contract
 - Two system test flights during EMD
- Approach in strategy revised on 6 Nov 97



Why Change Strategy?



Gov't leverage commercial market competition



Why Change Strategy?

Changes Since the "Moorman Study"

1994, SPACE LAUNCH MOD. PLAN

Future med/heavy launch market dominated by government

Little potential in commercial market for growth or economy

Conclusion: too many launch providers/production capacity

Recommendation: reduce industrial overhead; downsize; reduce niche markets; DoD pursue innovative incentives

Led to single EELV contractor developing a modular family of vehicles

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Launch market dominated by commercial market

Tremendous growth potential in commercial market

Conclusion: sufficient market to support two EELV concepts

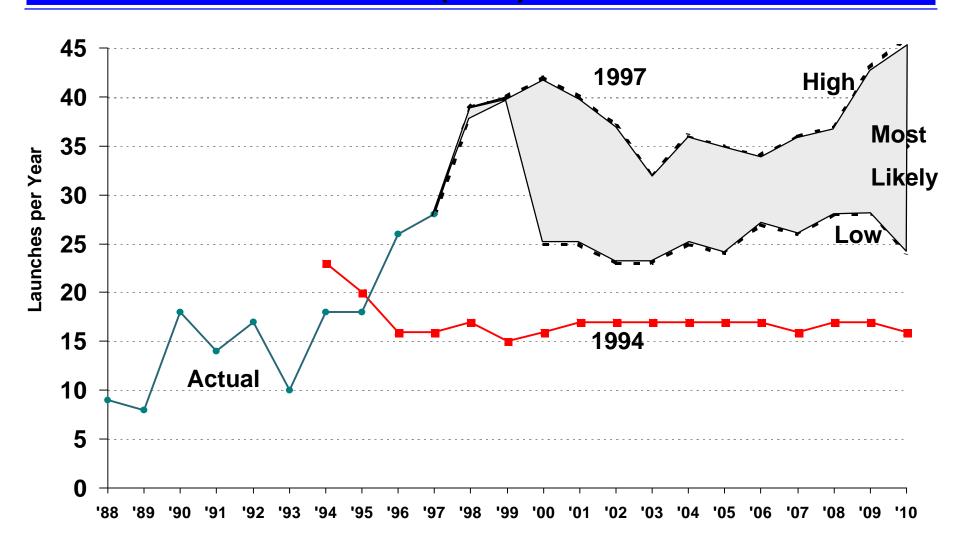
Recommendation: Partner with industry to develop EELV family; leverage competition in commercial markets

Leads to two competing EELV contractors over life of program for commercial launch services



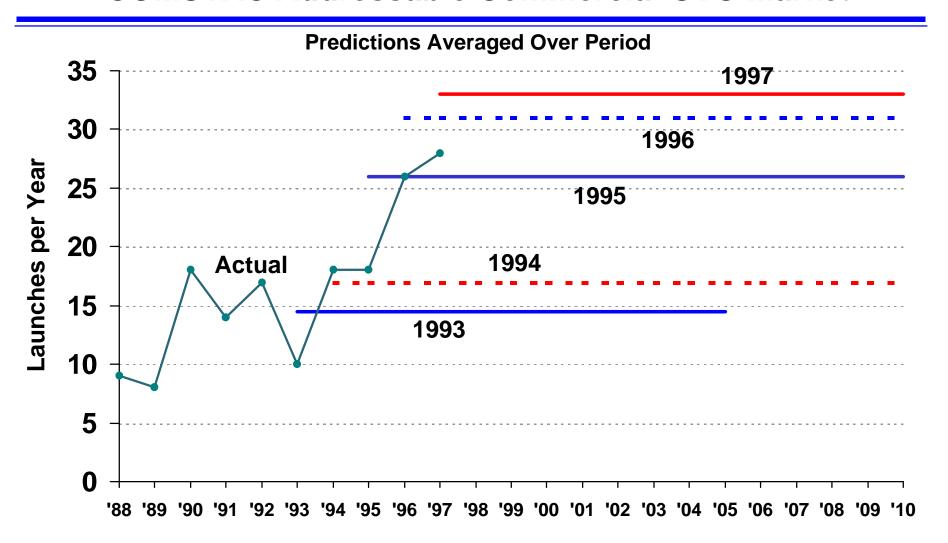
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Commercial Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) Market



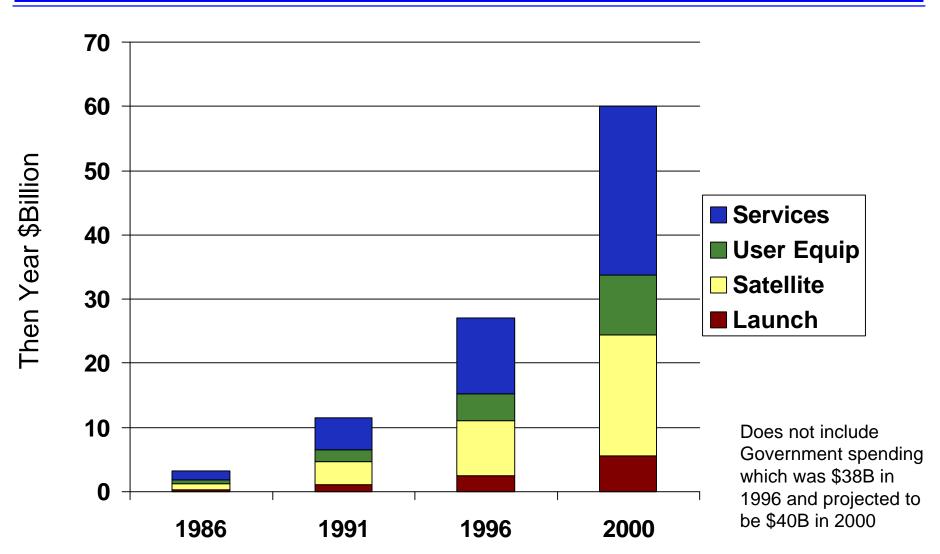


Why Change Strategy? COMSTAC Addressable Commercial GTO Market





Commercial Space Market Growth





Summary of Strategy Change

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- Cost-type contract for EMD
- Fixed Gov't investment for development in addition to contractor investment

- Two system test flights
- No system test flights

Downselect to one

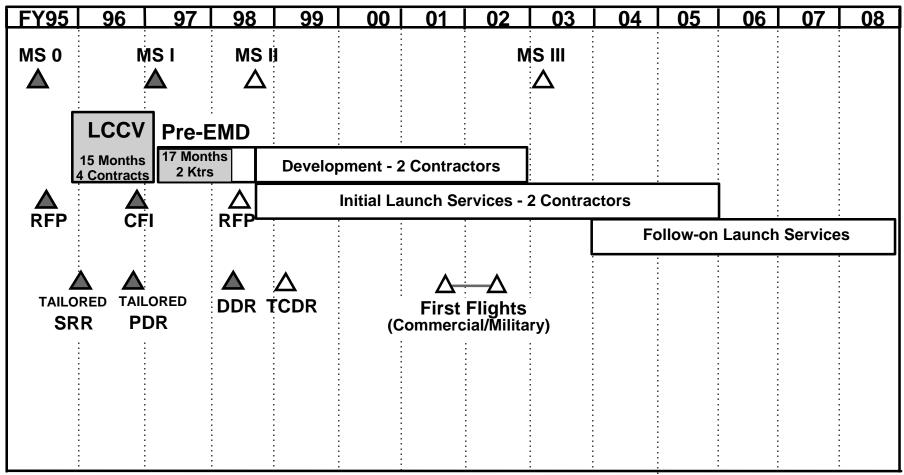
Compete two over life of program

Production

Launch services



EELV Acquisition Schedule



PDR - Preliminary Design Review DDR - Down-select Design Review

RFP - Request for Proposal

CFI - Call For Improvements

SRR - Systems Requirements Review

LCCV - Low Cost Concept Validation TCDR - Tailored Critical Design Review



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SummaryWhat Does This Mean to You?

- Ensures two viable U.S. providers of launch services, each with a Government business base
- U.S. becomes more competitive in international market and captures a greater market share
- EELV will reduce the cost of space launch



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